



# City of Cincinnati

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## LUNKEN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

As part of the City of Cincinnati's commitment to an open and balanced planning process for the Lunken Airport Master Plan, the City is hosting a workshop to gather public input on several alternative concept plans for the airport layout. The plans illustrate possible facility configurations that reflect the airport's continuing role as a corporate and general aviation airport. Consultants for the project, PB Aviation, and city staff will be available to discuss the master planning process and the three airport concepts from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at the Carnegie Center, 3738 Eastern Avenue in the Columbia-Tusculum Neighborhood.

Elements of the concepts, developed as part of master planning process, will be combined into one "hybrid" concept based on input from stakeholders and guidance from the 75-member Master Plan Update oversight committee. The Master Plan will go before Cincinnati City Council before being submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration for final approval. Additionally, the City is undertaking a Noise Compatibility Study to identify ways to mitigate noise from the airport on the surrounding communities.

"These two studies are focused on prudent planning for the future of the airport and balancing the needs of the airport users and related businesses, surrounding neighborhoods, the City and the region," said Eileen Enabnit, Director of Transportation and Engineering for the City of Cincinnati.

The Master Plan is a guide for projected growth over 5-, 10- and 20-year periods based on a vision of the future and will only be implemented when a real need emerges. At this stage of the planning process, no idea has been eliminated. Projects for consideration include: removal of Runway Safety Area (RSA) hazards; noise mitigation projects; bike trail connections; golf course improvements; a runway extension to the north or south; development of areas to accommodate existing airport facility users; relocation of air traffic control tower for improved visibility; airport office park; aeronautical college; and an Lunken Airport aviation museum.

All documents can be found via the City web page: <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov> and selecting the Transportation & Engineering Department, followed by the Lunken Airport - Master Plan.

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